

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Cover arrangement for a surface drainage device or similar hollow body that is adapted to be installed in the ground and to be opened, comprising a rectangular frame adapted for installation in the ground and defining a plurality of insertion openings;
a cover adapted for insertion into the frame;
hinge devices that retain the cover in the frame and enable the cover to be pivoted upward in an opening direction out of the frame; and
latch devices by means of which the cover is adapted to be locked into the frame so that it will not open;
at least one of the hinge devices and the latch devices comprising spring-action cast rods that are integrally connected to the cover; and
the hinge devices and the latch devices both defining projections, at least one of which can be inserted into the ~~insertion openings~~ bearing recesses defined by the frame, as desired.
2. (Previously Presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the latch devices comprise beveled contact surfaces such that in the presence of a force acting on the cover in an opening direction, the latch devices are bent into an opening position.
3. (Previously Presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the hinge devices and the latch devices are identically shaped and are disposed at identical, symmetrical sites on the cover such that the cover is adapted to open toward either of two sides, as desired.
4. (Previously Presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the hinge devices are constructed such that they can be released from the frame by a force directed substantially perpendicular to the opening direction.

5. (Previously Presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the frame and the cover define seating surfaces constructed and disposed such that said seating surfaces are in engagement with one another when the cover is closed.
6. (Previously Presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein an edge of at least one of the cover the frame defines an adapted to receive placement of a releasing tool therein.
7. (Previously Presented) Cover arrangement according to Claims 1 , wherein at least one of the cover and the frame define an aperture on an openable side thereof that is adapted to receive placement of a releasing tool therein.
8. (Previously Presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the cover is comprised of cast iron.
9. (Previously Presented) Cover arrangement according to Claim 1, wherein the cover is comprised of spherical graphite cast iron.